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Curriculum Newsletter



Reading

The children are starting to make some excellent progress learning their high frequency words, and I am sure we will have a few photos on our 20 board soon.

We have started our guided reading sessions and the children are now learning several strategies to help them read unfamiliar words. Please look out for the guided reading stickers in their reading journals as these will tell you what we are practising that week.

Over this next term we would like children to become more confident at recognising high frequency words when reading. Please ensure you are practising these at home as much as you can!



Our Learning Journey

We have started our term by learning about pumpkins and making some delicious pumpkin soup. Over the next few weeks we will be setting up a class post office and learning about how to use it to send letters and parcels. Towards the end of term we will be learning about the Christmas Story in preparation for our wonderful Nativity.



Writing

We began the term by writing shopping lists and recipes and enjoyed using them to make soup. We are now moving on to writing letters and cards to our friends and family using our knowledge of phonics to sound out simple words. We will also be learning how to write several high frequency words like 'to', 'love' and 'from'.



Number

We have been practising finding 1 more and 1 less from a given number and we are beginning to solve these problems in our head. We have been solving problems using shapes and will be exploring the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes over the next few weeks. In our class post offices we will be weighing parcels and ordering them from heaviest to lightest. Can you find the heaviest toy in your house?



Curriculum 'bits'...

We have started our PE sessions and from now on children will need a PE kit in school every week!

Gromit – Tuesday mornings
Wallace- Thursday mornings



We have also started reading first thing in the mornings and will read with children throughout the week. Please make sure children bring a book bag in school EVERY day and that they keep their word wallets and books in their bags.

Children have 'Forest School' sessions on a Wednesday afternoon so if you have a pair of wellies at home bring them in and keep them on children's pegs so we can get nice and muddy!



Supporting your child at home

- Please continue practising children's words and sounds in their wallets. It makes a massive difference to their confidence and fluency if they know their words and sounds!
- Begin writing some Christmas/birthday cards
- Write some shopping lists
- Experiment with weighing objects
- Spotting numbers when you are out and about
- Looking at shapes and patterns on wrapping paper



Trips & Special Events

- We are hoping to walk to the post box to post some very important letters!
- We are also walking up to the church in Shirehampton to sing some Christmas songs
- Nova Primary EYFS Nativity is on the 8th December with a dress rehearsal for grandparents to be arranged

